



Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 24, 2026

The Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities regular session was called to order by President Tiffany Pierce at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Prior notice
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Dave Gill	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of February Board Minutes:

15-26 Moved by Sharon Chaney, seconded by Tracie Dearing, to accept the Minutes for the February Board Meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Dave Gill	x		
Ruben Garcia			x
Tracie Dearing	x		

Ratification of Paid Expenditures:

Karon Fisher presented the February 2026 Expenses and Financial Statements to the Board.

16-26 Moved by Karen Hauck, seconded by Tammy Hopkins, to approve the February 2026 Expenses, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Dave Gill	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Superintendents Report:

1. Happy Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month! I travelled to the Vinton County Commissioners’ Office to ask for the month of March to be declared DD Awareness Month on the 10th. I, along with a others who are served by the VCBDD and Board staff, presented this proclamation before the commissioners during their regularly scheduled meeting. They did agree to the proclamation.
2. In the coming months, DODD is starting to roll out the first phase of the new assessment tool, called InterRAI, (pronounced inter-rye). This tool will be used to help people get their needs met and eventually, the waiver allotment amount. It is part of a statewide effort to “modernize” the waiver system. It will replace what is called the Developmental Disabilities Profile (DDP) and Acuity Assessment Instrument (AAI). The new tool will not be taking the place of person-centered planning or level of care assessments. In the first phase, our Council of Government partner, MEORC, will be training assessors and they will begin with a person who will be randomly selected by the state. This is happening across the state and the number of people who are assessed in each county is based on county population. The data will be collected from this first “pilot” round of assessments. In the second phase, more assessors will be trained, and a few more individuals will be selected to assess. The data from that round will be added to the first round and compiled to start putting together a statewide process. Finally, all individuals in the DD waiver system will be assessed as they come due and will be re-assessed every three years. There is more information about the details of this transition at https://dodd.ohio.gov/about-us/Waiver_Redesign/Waiver%20Modernization/interrai-assessment/assessment.

SSA Report:

March is DD Awareness month. We are having the annual walk around town on the 26th.

Staff will be going to the schools to read to the 3rd graders and talk to the middle and high schoolers. They will also be giving out books, bracelets, and keychains to the schools and library and ADS's.

We hired Jason Waugh for the part time position of MUI/Intake and Eligibility he started on the 16th.

Upcoming:

Staff will be filling eggs and taking them around to the pre-school classrooms.

Health Initiative annual meeting is on 4/16.

The Royal Ball is 4/26th from 2-4.

Old Business:

None.

Informational Items:

None.

Administrative Approvals

None.

Personnel Items:

Holly Martin introduced Jason Waugh to the board.

Jill Squires reported that Chase Morano accepted another position.

New Business:

Approval of Invoice Resolution #2026-03-01:

17-26 Moved by Tammy Hopkins, seconded by Sharon Chaney to approve Invoice Resolution #2026-03-01, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Dave Gill	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Adjournment:

18-26 Moved by Dave Gill, seconded by Tracie Dearing, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Dave Gill	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as to form:

Tracie Dearing, Secretary

Tiffany Pierce, President